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**BRITISH OFFICIAL
REPORTS.**

**HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN
ARMENIERES AND YPRES.**

**OUR TROOPS PRESSED BACK.
HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES.**

London, April 10.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:—
Following the bombardment, al-
ready reported, the enemy this
morning attacked in strength be-
tween Armentieres and the Ypres-
Comines Canal.

There was heavy fighting through-
out the day in this sector, and also
on the whole front.

In yesterday's attack northward
of the La Bassée Canal the enemy
northward of Armentieres pressed

us back to the line of Wytschaete,
Messines Ridge and Ploegsteert.

The enemy, who forced his way
into Messines, was driven out by a
counter-attack after a prolonged

struggle.

Southward of Armentieres the
enemy established himself on the
left bank of the Lys, at certain

points eastward of Estaire, and in
the neighbourhood of Bec St. Maur.

The enemy this morning crossed
the River Lawe at Lestrem but was
driven out of the village and across
the river by a counter-attack.

We maintained our position be-
tween Estaires and Givenchy.

**BRITISH AVIATORS BOMB ENEMY
TROOPS.**

London, April 10.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports on aviation:—

The mist yesterday morning hin-
dered flying.

When the weather improved, our
airmen bombed and machine-gunned
the enemy on the new battle-front

between La Bassée and Armentieres.
We brought down five machines.
Two of ours are missing.

**PRESS CORRESPONDENTS'
REPORTS.**

**OUR DAUNTLESS PORTUGUESE
ALLIES.**

HEROIC RESISTANCE.

London, April 11.

Press Correspondents at the Front
emphasize the magnificent British
defence in a ceaseless fighting for
thirty hours against heavy odds.

They give details of the resistance
of the Portuguese, whose front the
Germans first endeavoured to break

through. The British officers at-
tached to the Portuguese troops are
of the opinion that the German

bombardment of the Portuguese ex-
ceeded anything seen on the Somme,
extending far behind the second line.

The Portuguese held on to the
smashed front line, some outposts
fighting to the last man.

The main body of the Portuguese
fought stubbornly in the second line
till the enemy's shock troops

forced their way to Laventie, where
it was difficult to make a stand as
the Portuguese suffered terribly.

Their guns were well served and,
though some had been abandoned, as
the teams could not be taken through
the barrage, and some battery crews

wiped out, the survivors destroyed
the breach blocks, leaving scarcely
any serviceable pieces.

Some Portuguese gunners, attach-
ed to the British heavy batteries,
stood to it most gallantly, according
to British gunners, while a body of

Portuguese infantry held out at La

Couture until two o'clock in the after-
noon, their Commander refusing to
retire. Then the Germans charged,
them with the bayonet and few sur-
vivors came back.

When the Portuguese were forced
back in the centre, the weight of
the German attack fell on the 55th
British Division on their right,

where the high ground of Givenchy
is coveted by the enemy. The Lan-
cashire Territorials, who had been

rushed into the battle from their
barracks, refused to give up the hillock
and withstood every shock with

machine-guns and grenades. The
ding-dong fighting against ceaseless
German waves, throughout the day

and all night, with Givenchy taken
and re-taken, found the Lancashires,
in the morning, undaunted and

agile, still barring the way.

**PORTUGUESE TROOPS AVERT
SERIOUS MENACE.**

**GIVENCHY CHANGES HANDS
FREQUENTLY.**

London, April 10,
10.30 p.m.

Reuter's Correspondent at Head-
quarters, telegraphing this evening,
says:—

Throughout the day the struggle
north of Bethune has waxed and
waned. An artillery duel has devel-
oped southwards, and the infantry

battle has extended to the vicinity
of Wytschaete.

It is clear that the Germans are
"all out," making a desperate effort
to break through anywhere. Their

shock tactics perchance disclose a
weakness.

During two days' fighting the
enemy has pressed us back in cer-
tain places, necessitating readjust-
ments of our line elsewhere. The

enemy is flinging his main weight
into an endeavour to destroy the
fighting powers of the British.

This morning the Germans are
reported to be in the village of
Messines and Ploegsteert Wood, al-
though probably in only small

numbers.

The enemy obtained a footing at
Estaires this morning, but it is
reported that he was driven out

later.

The troops are fighting magni-
fiently well, supported by the artil-
lery. The enemy employed at least

eight Divisions.

The spear head of the enemy
assault was the centre of the Portu-
guese Front.

Owing to the thickness of the
weather, considerable numbers of
Germans trickled through whilst the

alarm was being given. Consequent-
ly they attacked the rear, as well as
in dense waves frontally.

The Portuguese were forced to
retire, and brilliantly fought a rear-
guard action. They averted a seri-
ous menace at this point, but the

retreating movement became inevitable.

Givenchy, which is valuable tacti-
cally, was captured by the enemy. A
counter-attack drove him out, but

this was not in sufficient numbers to
withstand the on-coming waves, and
early in the afternoon the Germans

again carried Givenchy.

It was just before dark when the
Fifty-fifth Division, consisting mainly
of the Lancashire Territorials, made

a fine charge, again restoring
Givenchy.

To-day, there has been little dis-
position for a further attack along
the southern flank of yesterday's
thrust, and the battle is settling

northwards.

The Germans are shelling all the
towns and villages a long way back,
also the roads with a steady in-
termittence, employing to the utmost their
great hauls of artillery from other
fronts.

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Hongkong, April 9, 1918. 311

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M. MANUK, Secretary.

Dated 4th day of April, 1918. 312

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Dealing first with the F.M.S. statistics to December 31 each year, the following comparison is made between 1915 and 1916:

	1915.	1916.
Number of estates	888	954
Acreage in possession	916,601	997,474
Acreage planted	480,479	551,949
Acreage producing	281,130	351,222
Newly planted	33,422	40,751

Inclusive of the corresponding figures for the Malay States outside the Federation—that is to say, Johore, Kelantan, Kedah and Trengganu—the totals were as follows:

	1915.	1916.
Number of estates	1,108	1,243
Acreage in possession	1,518,547	1,605,157
Acreage planted	703,535	805,721
Acreage producing	347,720	456,120
Newly planted	42,475	53,252

The Straits Settlements Blue Book for 1916 gives the acreage of rubber land in the Settlements as approximately 202,880, of which 176,481 acres are in Malacca, but it is not shown what proportion of this is planted and in bearing.

In 1916 the rubber crop in the Federated Malay States amounted to 46,612 tons, against 36,860 in 1915, 14,102 in 1914, and 888 tons in 1907, and the figures for the whole of the Malay States for a period of ten years were as follows:

	tons.	1915.	tons.
1907	870	1915	15,240
1908	1,515	1916	22,122
1909	2,883	1917	37,247
1910	5,947	1918	45,628
1911	10,163	1919	57,137

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Upon estates of over 100 acres in extent in the Malay States there were employed 280,313 labourers at the end of 1916, of whom 205,433 were employed in the Federated Malay States. The composition of this labour was as follows:

	F.M.S.	Other States.	Total.
Tamils	743,301	19,373	182,764
Chinese	43,980	29,800	73,780
Malays	8,121	15,371	23,492
Javanese	8,718	7,759	16,477
Others	1,393	1,326	2,719
Total	206,433	73,829	280,312

A STORY OF YPRES

THE GENERAL WHO WAS "TOO FAT TO RETREAT."

General Grossetti, the soldier hero of the battle of the Marne, was buried near Paris this week. In a letter to the Morning Post Lord Esher says:—His funeral oration was pronounced by his old companion-in-arms of Charleroi and the Marne, General Dubail, Kedah and Trengganu—the totals were as follows:

His memory is already hallowed by legend. In the throes of the battle of Ypres the French troops, under a punishing fire, began to retire. They were met by General Grossetti. "What do you propose to do with me?" he called out to them, "I am too fat to run away. I am tired to death, and I must sit down. Get me a chair."

A solid camp stool was brought by a soldier, and down he sat, quietly resting in the middle of the shell-torn street—a sort of Subliminal bridge—awaiting the advent of the enemy. He continued to sing humorous jokes at the men as they passed. "I am an unlucky fellow. I cannot retire. You see, I am good for nothing but to sit where I am." A company in Indian file began to creep past, hugging the walls of the rocky houses.

"Where are you off to, my children? Is this really a retreat? Are you thinking of leaving your old general in the lurch?" The men stopped, petrified at seeing Grossetti sitting placidly on his camp stool, shells bursting round him, gutting the houses, amid showers of shrapnel. The example was irresistible. The men took off their képis and cheered him lustily. The retreat was at an end. The men turned and began to advance.

TOO FAT TO RETREAT.

A British staff officer sent by Sir John French arrived on the scene. The Field Marshal begged to inquire what the French commander proposed to do, as the retreat of the French might involve the retirement of his army. "Will you sit down, sir? We can talk quite comfortably here," said Grossetti, and another seat was provided.

Our countryman could hardly believe the fat General could be serious, but down he sat. "You can tell General French," began Grossetti—at that moment a shell burst close to them—"You can tell General French," he continued, after a suitable pause, during which he brushed the dust and smoke from off his képi. "That my name is Grossetti, and that, as my name indicates, I am too fat to be able to retreat."

The French said that when the British officer returned he told the Field Marshal he had been attending the most curious five o'clock. He was ever likely to see it is not surprising that the tears of many French *poilus* should have fallen into Grossetti's open grave, and that the women and children of France should have wreaths of immortelles upon his tomb.

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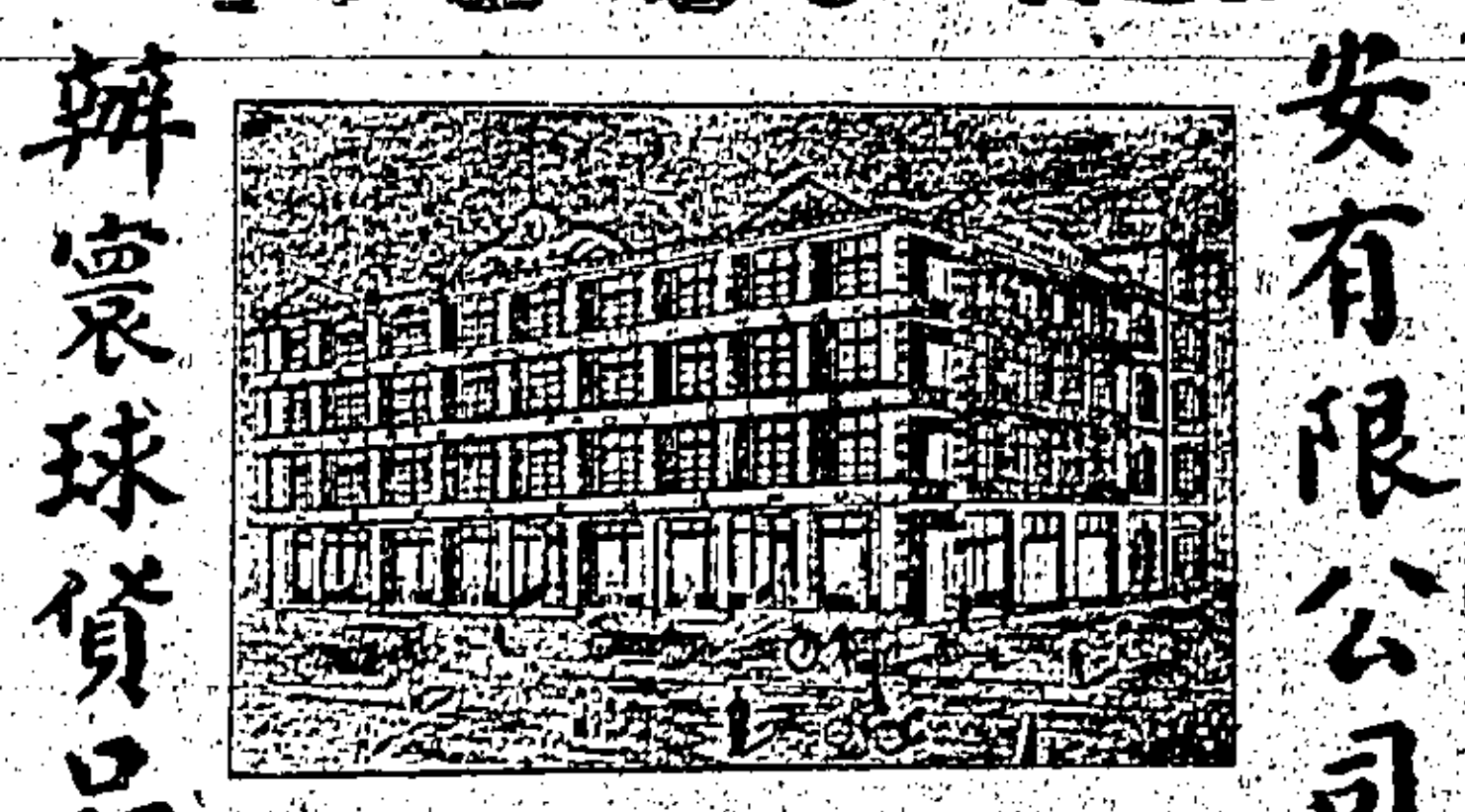
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2 Pianos.
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HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.,
Comprising:—
Single and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheet, Pillow Cases, Bed Gowns, Table Cloths, Pure Linen Damask Serviettes, Bath Sheets, Bath Towels, Turkish Towels, &c., &c., &c.

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at the TAIKOO STEEL REFINERY.
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543 BALES GUNNY BAGS
(slightly damaged by water).

N.B.—Intending purchasers must obtain a pass to view the Goods from the Undersigned.

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 10, 1918. 314

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P. W. D.
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TUSCULUM, Barker Road, 135 Peak.
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Hongkong, Mar. 1, 1918. 195

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Hongkong, April 11, 1918. 320

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TO LET.

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Building.
Apply to—
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Hongkong, April 8, 1918. 309

TO LET.

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SIXTEENTH LIST OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

The following amounts totalling \$72,000 have been received by the Hongkong and South China War Savings Association for the past month from the members whose official numbers are given below, and invested in Straits Settlements War Loan at 6 per cent. and in War Loans Investment Trust of Malaya at 6 per cent.

Application forms for membership may be had of all the Banks or from the undersigned.

Moneys in any currency, dividend warrants and bank-notes are all accepted.

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1,080.—No. 906.
1,000.—No. 320.
1,020.—No. 615.
1,000.—Nos. 681, 684, 732, 416, 607, 297, 410.

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820.—No. 472.
800.—Nos. 479, 475.
600.—Nos. 318, 908, 900.
600.—Nos. 826, 730, 129, 235.
500.—Nos. 44, 825, 64, 427, 450, 234, 452, 772, 1, 802, 814, 145, 607, 325, 800, 453, 856, 853.

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400.—Nos. 883, 224, 584, 632, 454, 234, 506.
350.—Nos. 552, 846, 540.
330.—No. 184.
300.—Nos. 775, 553, 672, 414, 397, 845, 696, 74, 210, 306, 420, 477, 811, 910.

250.—Nos. 509, 470, 291, 735, 703, 86, 606, 137.
240.—No. 901.
200.—Nos. 800, 411, 607, 722, 713, 630, 624, 29, 830, 45, 221, 206, 391, 206, 247, 537, 674, 784, 295, 680, 715, 772, 421, 567, 900.

195.—No. 809.
180.—No. 425.
170.—No. 273.
165.—No. 78.
150.—Nos. 731, 800, 510, 787, 709, 423, 647, 305, 500, 973.

145.—No. 149, 124.
140.—No. 700.
135.—No. 671.
130.—Nos. 247, 218, 75.
125.—Nos. 801, 117, 294, 678.
120.—Nos. 419, 302, 215.
115.—No. 890.
110.—No. 472.
105.—No. 213.

100.—Nos. 453, 175, 833, 178, 584, 10, 350, 429, 64, 175, 178, 902, 502, 636, 844, 165, 230, 378, 880, 118, 122, 125, 31, 348, 333, 580, 757, 292, 272, 350.

185, 606, 704, 710, 548, 42.
90.—No. 805.
85.—Nos. 671, 59.
80.—Nos. 834, 410, 86, 834.
75.—Nos. 635, 551, 116, 270.
65.—No. 508.
60.—Nos. 77, 723, 209.

50.—Nos. 533, 734, 232, 330, 677, 14, 413, 875, 108, 105, 112, 861, 471, 79, 709, 999, 734, 603, 800, 486, 600, 905, 900, 107, 287, 508, 681, 849, 788, 128, 825, 129, 136, 137, 277, 278, 141, 146, 95, 120, 212, 254, 499, 734, 882, 95, 232, 326, 677, 749, 750, 114, 248, 509.

45.—No. 170.
40.—Nos. 641, 209, 143.
35.—Nos. 900, 133, 112, 84.
30.—Nos. 230, 370, 627, 890, 110, 75, 510, 712, 124, 131, 298, 255.

Total, \$72,000.
1st List 39,100
2nd List 10,280
3rd List 68,078
4th List 210,305
5th List 123,680
6th List 82,135
7th List 61,880
8th List 68,338
9th List 110,595
10th List 140,345
11th List 49,713
12th List 49,525
13th List 80,875
14th List 43,680
15th List 84,353

Total amount received to date \$1,280,920.

In addition to the above the following amounts have been received, all of which have been invested in Straits Settlements War Loan at 6% and in War Loans Investment Trust of Malaya at 6%:—

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" 44 42.00
" 49 150.00
" 89 30.00
" 203 300.00
" 306 60.00
" 328 80.00
" 372 20.00
" 390 180.00
" 393 170.00
" 314 43.00
" 317 150.00
" 379 10.00
" 410 20.00
" 457 355.00
" 560 289.10
" 640 10.00
" 679 110.00
" 725 5,000.00
" 807 600.00
" 814 60.00
" 819 300.00
" 822 10.00
" 835 30.00
" 852 340.00
" 871 360.00
" 892 43.75
" 894 395.74

Previously acknowledged, 125,424.55
Total, \$125,025.64 Straits Currency.

No. 267 2 00 0
" 577 170 00 0
" 756 25 00 0
" 872 25 00 0
" 878 7 00 0
" 889 27 10 0
" 891 107 10 0
" 894 20 15 1
" 911 140 00 0
\$1,122 10 1

Previously acknowledged, 3,633 13 0
Total, \$4,756 3 1

No. 783 485.00 Pesos
" 858 200.00
Previously acknowledged, 686.00
Total, 1,071.00

No. 788 G. \$ 25.00
" 858 25.00
G. \$ 50.00
Previously acknowledged, 1,278.74
Total G. \$ 1,328.74

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
Re HORACE MURRAY BAIN, late of Hongkong, Journalist, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order made this day under section 53 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the estate of the above named (who died intestate on 28th December, 1917) has been limited to the 26th April, 1918.

Claims should be sent to the undersigned.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1918.

FREDERICK DOUGLAS BAIN,

Administrator by his Solicitors

DENNIS & BOWLEY,

6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

THE CALENDAR.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

TUESDAY, April 16:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture &c.

at Hughes & Houghton's.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household

Linens, &c. at Hughes & Houghton's.

TUESDAY, April 16:—

Noon—Auction of Theatre Seats for

St. George's Day Performance.

SATURDAY, April 20:—

2 p.m.—Marathon Race.

TUESDAY, April 23:—

St. George's Day Celebrations.

FRIDAY, April 26:—

Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement

Day.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Exchange was up this morning, the demand rate being 3s. 1 1/2d.

There were only eight cases of cerebro-spinal fever and three deaths in the Colony yesterday.

The Bishop of Victoria and Mr. J. M. Beck are representing Hongkong at the conference of English Churchmen which is being held at Shanghai.

A report from Tokyo states that agreement has been concluded between General Horvath and the American Railway Staff to place the management of the Chinese Eastern Railway under the supervision of the latter.

The Revd. Percy Dearmer, D.D., till recently the well-known Vicar of the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, is expected to arrive in Hongkong about April 25th and will make a stay of about a fortnight before proceeding to the United States. Dr. Dearmer has been engaged on work in connection with the Y.M.C.A. in France and Serbia, and it is hoped that he may be able to give lectures illustrated with lantern slides during his visit. Further announcements will appear when more definite arrangements have been made.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak	25
Mr. S. J. Chingchew	10
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Mr. R. M. Shaw	10
Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming	10
Mr. F. P. Talbot	10
S. P. A.	10
Messrs. Bismarck & Co.	5
Messrs. Brewer & Co.	5
Messrs. D. H. Cooper & Co.	5
Hon. H. H. T. Gompertz	5
Dr. Chadwick Kew	5

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

At Holy Trinity, Mary is Bone, London. Major J. Bisset, Indian Medical Service, second son of the late J. P. Bisset and Mrs. Bisset, Wynndun, Banochry, was recently married to Clara Elizabeth (Betty) daughter of the Ven. Archbishop and Mrs. A. B. Entichinson, of Nagasaki, Japan.

An engagement is announced between Captain Geoffrey Stewart Drummond Elliot, younger son of Mr. H. M. Elliot, formerly Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs, and Mrs. Elliot, of Burnt Oak, Waldron, Sussex, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr. T. H. Middleton, C.B., of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Mrs. Middleton, of 26, Burton Court, Chelsea.

The death is announced of another old China hand—Mr. T. Moorehead, late of the Chinese Customs service, who passed away at Shanghai last week. The *Mercury* says: "The deceased, who was an American and 74 years of age, was one of the pioneers of the Customs service, having joined in April, 1864, retiring in April, 1904, after exactly 40 years' service. His duties have taken him to practically all the important river and coastal ports in China, including Shanghai. His position was Chief Tidewater Surveyor and it was from this position that he resigned the service in Wuhu in 1914. In April 1904, Mr. Moorehead was decorated with the Order of Civil Rank, 5th Class, and in February, 1908, the Order of the Double Dragon, 3rd Division, was conferred upon him. Mr. Moorehead was one of the earliest Hon. Secretaries of the Shanghai Horticultural Society, holding that position as long ago as 1893. He leaves a wife, one son and four married daughters."

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

The Local Manager of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., has received advice that the Bank has declared a final dividend on the "A" and "B" shares of 6 per cent. less tax making 12 per cent. for the year, and a bonus of 2 per cent. less tax, has also been declared. The sum of £20,000 has been added to Reserve and £53,000 has been carried forward.

THE RACE COURSE DISASTER INQUIRY.

CORONER'S QUESTIONS TO THE JURY.

After an enquiry lasting for 21 days, the Coroner, Mr. J. R. Wood, summed up this afternoon the evidence taken in the inquest on the death of a Chinese who lost his life amongst others in the collapse and subsequent fire of the Matchless stands at the Race Course on Feb. 26.

The Coroner said he was sorry to say that he had not been able to draw up any clear or concise statement of facts which he could hand to the jury for them to take away with them when they deliberated on the evidence. He had considered the evidence very carefully at some length and he had been unable to organise the facts into any really connected story or any theory which fitted all the evidence. The disaster was attended by an enormous loss of life and families of almost every nationality represented in the community had lost friends or relations. Before he came to the evidence to be considered he would on his own account, and the jury would no doubt desire him to do so on behalf of all concerned, express their very great sympathy with those who had suffered in the disaster. At the outset, he wished to remark upon the very great obligation they had been under in the enquiry, to the Crown Solicitor and also to Mr. Bowley and the other members of the legal profession who had assisted him. Also to the witnesses who, some of them at great inconvenience, had placed their information of the occurrence at the disposal of the Court. He also wished to thank one for two residents who had been good enough to send photographs which had been very useful, also a great amount of work had fallen upon the shoulders of Inspector Watt. An unfortunate feature in the enquiry, that was that many of those who could have given them, perhaps the best information, as to what happened, perished in the disaster, and for that reason, some of the happenings would never be ascertained. No source of witness existing in the enquiry which had been kept back from the enquiry which would have added substantially to the material on which to form their judgment. One subject on which the enquiry had been altogether incomplete was the very strenuous endeavour made by a large number of spectators to save the lives of persons in the sheds. It was a relief to know that these attempts were persisted in to the last possible moment, and were attended by a very large measure of success.

Proceeding, the Coroner pointed out that Colonel John Ward had taken full responsibility for what was done. He allowed a certain number of people through the cordon, and when he deemed a sufficient number of people were assisting he closed the cordon. He thought they would all be satisfied with what Colonel Ward had done. One thing they no doubt noticed was the large body of evidence which showed that the sheds were in fact used as common gaming houses, contrary to the provisions of the Gaming Ordinance. The Coroner went on to point out that the Government Auctioneer at the time the sites were put up for sale read out the conditions against the prohibition of gambling, which however was never intended to be enforced. The Coroner expressed the opinion that in future where gambling was to be permitted it should be legalised. What-over consequences might fall from the enquiry, he hoped they would involve the banishment of those conditions from the public records.

The Coroner then said that he had certain questions which he would ask the jury to consider. He did not mean that the questions which he had written out should be answered to the exclusion of all other questions, but he thought they contained points which were of great importance. The Coroner then handed the jury a list of questions as follows:—

- 1—Was the collapse of matchless caused by fire?
- 2—Was it caused by deliberate cutting of lashings?
- 3—If the answer to this question is in the negative, was it caused by a failure of the structure to meet the demands made upon it by legitimate use?
- 4—If so, was the failure due to the use of unserviceable material by the contractor, Kwok Kim?
- 5—If the matchless was serviceable then was the failure due to some imperfection in the design of the shed, having regard to the purpose for which they were intended?
- 6—Can you indicate any feature in the design which was obviously fatal to the safety of the sheds?
- 7—Can you point out any feature or group of features in the design which was apparently a point of weakness?
- 8—Can you point out any feature which aggravated the tendency to collapse once the collapse had begun?
- 9—Do you consider that the omission to insert the match upright poles in the ground was an error in construction?
- 10—Was the strain under which the structure failed, present either throughout the sheds or any part of them, a large crowd of people?
- 11—Was the normal strain increased by panic before or after failure?
- 12—Was this strain such that it could have been reasonably foreseen and provided for at the time when the sheds were constructed?
- 13—In the construction of the sheds did the matchless contractor exercise reasonable care and skill?
- 14—In instructing the contractor to erect the sheds and in inviting the public to enter the sheds without limit of number, did the lessee exercise such care as a prudent man would ordinarily use in his affairs?
- 15—In inspecting this shed, did the Building Inspector use due diligence

and exercise the degree of skill which he possessed in the row of sheds did the failure first become apparent?

17—At what point did the outbreak of fire originate?

18—And from what cause?

19—In what sheds or partition of sheds were cooking arrangements in use?

20—In what sheds were fire precautions adopted?

21—(a) Was cooking with charcoal in the sheds an imprudent act? (b) If so, was it so imprudent as to be grossly negligent?

22—Did any act or any omission of duty on the part of any Public Officer constitute approximately an efficient cause of the death under consideration?

23—What is your verdict?

The Coroner then proceeded to deal with the questions at considerable length and concluded his address at 4.15 p.m.

Mr. Lo asked whether the following additional questions might be put before the jury as he thought they might be of public interest: A—Is it practicable, having regard to the purpose for which the matchless are built, to have them built separately? B—If so, would this form of construction afford greater security to the public either with regard to fire or collapse?

The Coroner asked the jury to include these questions in their deliberations and the jury retired to consider their verdict.

FIRE BRIGADE INSPECTION.

The annual inspection of the Hongkong Fire Brigade was held last evening near the Queen's Statue Wharf when the whole force including volunteer firemen paraded under the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade.

H. E. The Governor made the inspection accompanied by Mr. F. C. Jenkin D.S.P. (R.) and Mr. Wodehouse, D.S.P., A.D.C's.

The display of fire fighting, scaling a house (using the Praya side of the Club), the expeditious laying of lengths of hose and connecting them, and all the different manoeuvres were executed with great promptness and despatch impressing the large gathering of spectators with the efficiency of the Brigade.

Two motor tenders and two firecoats in attendance also gave displays, a monitor on the fireboat sending out a powerful jet of water to a height of about 100 feet in the air while water was pumped from the harbour by the powerful motor-pump giving adequate water pressure to allow of ten lines of hose to be used effectively.

After the display was over, His Excellency made a short speech complimenting the Brigade on its smart work.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL MEMORANDUM.

The following league matches will be played to-morrow.

FIRST DIVISION.

Royal Navy versus the Middlesex Regt. on the Club ground at 4.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. Tucker.

SECOND DIVISION.

South China Athletics v. 87th Co. R.G.A. on Club ground at 3 p.m. Referee: Mr. Black.

Staffs and Dept. v. St. Joseph's College on the Navy ground at 3 p.m. Referee: Mr. Atwell.

R. E. Reserves v. Kowloon on the Navy ground at 4.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. Bryme.

JAPANESE TONNAGE FOR THE ALLIES.

The Japanese Shipping Control Committee has agreed to offer 16,000 tons deadweight of shipping for the Allied services on the Atlantic. No decision has yet been reached concerning the rate at which the vessels are to be chartered to the Allies and the question of insurance. Of the 16,000 tons required, 60,000 tons are to be obtained from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, 25,000 tons from the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and 15,000 tons from the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, while the remaining 60,000 tons are to be supplied by the Mitsui, Yamashita, Kaido, Kishida, Kishimoto, and the Tatsuna Kisen Kaisha in proportion to the tonnage of their fleets. The vessels to be offered should be of not less than 4,000 tons each, though there is no condition regarding speed. So far the Mitsui firm has decided to offer the *Matayama-maru*, 7,240 tons deadweight, and the *Myoga-maru*, 4,280 tons; the *Yamashita*, 4,100 tons; the *Katsuta*, 4,100 tons; the *Idemaru*, 3,600 tons; the *Kishimoto*, 3,600 tons; the *Tatsuna Kisen Kaisha*, 5,800 tons; and the *Uchida* Company, the *Aikoku-maru*, 4,200 tons. The arrangement will be effected by the Japanese Government chartering the vessels and re-chartering them to the American Government, the term of the charter being six months. The vessels are to be delivered by April 15th next, but this may be extended to May. The Japanese Government is to charter the vessels at \$27 or \$28 per ton, while the official rate in the United States is 45s. 6d. It is expected that a part of the difference will be borne by the Japanese Government.

To all the gap that will be caused by the loss of tonnage, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Shosen, and the Toyo Kisen Kaisha have already chartered new steamers amounting to 67,000 tons, 38,000 tons, and 14,000 tons deadweight respectively.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE COLONY'S YOUNG MEN AND THE WAR.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

SIR,—May I crave the courtesy of your columns to comment upon two letters which appeared in this morning's issue of the "South China Morning Post"?

A gentleman signing himself "One who would" is sure "that no Government would wish to, and no employer would stand in the way" of young men, like myself and others, who want to go home and fight.

I am speaking for myself and others, all of whom have served upwards of four years in the Territorial Force before the war at a time when the average Briton, and possibly some of this Colony's most virulent critics never gave their Country's welfare more than a passing thought, to say nothing of personal service.

We have applied to go home and fight time after time, but have been repeatedly refused both by our employers and the Government.

Will "One who would" or anyone else suggest our next step?

Now to turn to an effusion which bears the signature "Nolle Prosequi." From time immemorial it has been the recognized privilege of the gutter snipe to sling mud, and he does not mind where it sticks.

Myself and others feel that if his effort is intended as an accusation of cowardice it would be more manly to make it face to face in individual cases, if any exist, than by means of a sweeping generalisation in the Press. I also consider the matter too serious to be treated in a flippant manner.

It is quite bad enough to be hopelessly "out of it" and to feel that one has no right to be alive, but still we have to carry on, under-staffed, for six or seven or eight years, without a day's holiday, and our working hours are slightly more than the regulation ten to three.

So, for heaven's sake, "Nolle Prosequi" and others, try and recognize that it is not all "beer and skittles," nor does it follow, as you so kindly hint, that we do not want to go. The fault is not ours. All we want is release from the misery of looking on.

With apologies for trespassing upon your space.

Yours etc.

ANOTHER ELIGIBLE.

Hongkong, April 12th, 1918.

ARMED ROBBERY AT WEST POINT.

A Chinese woman residing at 24, Clarence Street, West Point, reports to the Police that at about 11 p.m. last night, eight men entered her house. Two men were armed with revolvers and the other six with daggers. The inmates of the house, eight in all, were tied up and gagged. The robbers broke open several boxes and after stealing money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$218.70 escaped.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. this morning:—

Cyclone or typhoon E. of the southern Visayas or northern Mindanao, moving W. N. W.

A later message states that the typhoon is inclining northwards.

AN APPEAL.

This striking poem from a Home paper would fittingly come as an addendum to the report of the War "Unitaries" Committee:—

Thinking should the men at war to the men that brought and sold:

"We have played our part and have kept your meat; come ye and send your gold."

For the shrapnel shell falls cruel thick, the machine-gun takes us through, and we who drench in the dripping trench call out for aid to you.

"Ye have sat secure through the wrench of war, and have slept full soft at night."

Ye have plied your trade, and the cash you made—let it do its bit in the fight—

In the bitter fight that flows and ebbs and draws not near to an end, while ye are not told to give your gold but besought that ye shall lend."

"Lend for the guns that clear our way through the spiked and tangled wire. When its hand to hand in No Man's Land in the hail of the German fire; To fill the ranks of the grey grim Tanks and the spotting aeroplanes, And stiffen the might of your Country's fight in the mud of the Flanders rains."

O homing posts, take up the tale and spread it wide and far, that the trader's gains and the farmer's wares may feed the ranks of war; That wealth may stand with pride on the front in the day of war's surcease, and the men who sent be well content with the fight they make for Peace.

—"The Witness for the Defence."

THE FRUIT BEARERS.

DOWELL complains it is sure to be pre-

dicted, "valent, during the fruit season."

Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Tennis League was held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion, at 5.45 last evening.

Dr. C. Forsyth presided, and there were present Dr. Lindsay Woods (Hon. Secretary) and representatives of most of the Clubs in the Colony.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, remarked that the League Competition had again proved very successful, and enjoyable, especially to the younger generation, who were able to play in the hot weather.

The competitions again went through very well, excepting those in B Division, where some of the Clubs did not finish their fixtures. That was a great pity because any tendency to slackness was likely to grow worse instead of better, and he would urge the secretaries of the Clubs to try and keep their teams up to date and fulfil all their engagements. Last year they were able to give a sum of money to War Charities which appeared in the Statement of Accounts. They had not got very much left this year to give away; they had given away practically all they had last year. They always had small running expenses and the total balance in hand was \$11.63 which it would be well to carry forward to next year, when they might be able again to give a donation. It had been decided that the wins this year should be purely nominal and that they should not spend any money on medals.

After referring to the excellent work of the Hon. Treasurer, the Chairman proposed that the Report and Accounts be adopted.

Mr. A. W. Bliss seconded and the motion was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. LINDSELL proposed, and Dr. WOODMAN seconded, the re-election of Dr. Forsyth as President for the ensuing year, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Nisbet was unanimously elected Vice-President and Dr. Lindsay Woods was re-elected Hon. Secretary.

The question of eligibility of subscribing members of Clubs to play in League matches, as distinct from *bona fide* members, was then discussed and it was decided that an alteration to the Rules in this connection should be put before the Committee, for adoption, as follows:—

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

FIGHTING AGAINST GREAT ODDS.

The low visibility is still handicapping our airmen.

We are fighting against great odds. We know the enemy has declared this to be a decisive offensive, and we must be prepared for a continuance of heavy blows, as long as he is able.

The enemy has certainly gained tactical successes, but his strategically accomplished nothing.

We are very slowly giving ground here and there, under pressure of dense mists.

I am glad to be able to conclude with the news that our indomitable troops have driven out the enemy from Messines.

GERMANS CLAIM 6,000 FRESH CAPTURES.

London, April 10.

A wireless German official report states:—

Between Arrmentieres and the La Bassée Canal we attacked the British and Portuguese, and took the first lines together with 6,000 prisoners and about 100 guns.

A German official report, issued in the evening, states:—

We penetrated the English lines astride Warneton.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORTS

VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIRING.

London, April 11.

1.15 a.m.

A French communiqué states:— North of Montdidier and in the region of the Oise Canal the artillery duel was violent.

We took 30 prisoners in yesterday evening's fighting.

CRY FOR INDEMNITIES REVIVED IN GERMANY.

THE FRUITS OF GERMAN VICTORY.

Zurich, April 11.

The German demand for indemnities has been revived.

The Minister, Herr Say de Witz, speaking at Dresden, said the war cannot end on a friendly agreement. It must be fought to a finish, bringing Germany the fruits of victory. Her enemies must pay indemnities; otherwise the peace-breakers would begin again.

GERMAN ANNEXATIONS IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd, April 11.

A report, read before the Committee of Commerce, summarises Russia's losses as a result of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty as follows:—

780,000 square kilometres of territory.
50,000,000 inhabitants, or 32 per cent. of the total population.
21,000 kilometres of railways, or one-third.

78 per cent. of the total production of iron.

80 per cent. of coal.

208 sugar refineries.

10 cloth factories.

574 breweries.

183 tobacco factories.

1,085 distilleries.

244 chemical factories.

615 paper factories.

1,000 machine factories.

The territories that will henceforth be German are expected to yield a revenue of 845 milliards of roubles. They boasted 1,800 savings banks.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS IN HELSINGFORS DISARMED.

Petrograd, April 10.

Thirty destroyers, 40 submarines and 50 transports, remaining at Helsingfors, have been disarmed as it is impossible to evacuate them.

Three battleships from Helsingfors are expected to arrive at Kronstadt this evening.

The former Russian ice-breaker Yelnyet, and the Finnish ice-breaker Tarmo, landed a small German force at Lovisa, between Helsingfors and Viborg.

It is reported that a German squadron, with several transports, is nearing Lovisa, from Revel.

The Germans, doubtless, will advance northwards, and cut the railway between Helsingfors and Viborg.

CONSCRIPTION FOR IRELAND AT ALL COSTS.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MR. ASQUITH'S ATTITUDE.

London, April 10.

In the House of Commons, during the second reading of the Military Service Bill, Mr. Asquith said the proposal of conscription for Ireland had been already twice considered, and twice deliberately rejected by the Government, because it was convinced that the disadvantages outweighed the purely military advantages. He regretted that Ireland had refused to accept conscription. The Irish view was, perhaps, difficult to appreciate, but in a free Empire we must take the people as they are. Proceeding, he mentioned, for instance, Australia, whose whole-hearted devotion to the cause of the Empire was not disputed. Australia has given her children and resources in every theatre of the war unstintingly with a free heart, yet she would not have conscription, although urged by her energetic and robust politician (Mr. Hon. W. M. Hughes). Twice she was consulted, and twice she refused. Even if they had the power, none would dream of asking the Imperial Government to impose conscription in Australia.

Mr. Asquith urged that the Government would be guilty of terrible shortsightedness, when the Convention had completed its labours, to impose conscription in Ireland.

"WE ARE NOT GOING TO ALTER THE DECISION."

Mr. Bonar Law said the evidence showed that the Germans were going to throw everything into this attack. If they were not successful to-day, they would try again to-morrow. If they failed to-morrow they would try again the next day. He was of the opinion that, unless the casualties were much heavier than he expected, the most critical time would be the end of May and June. We were already compelled to put in the battle line men with less than four months' training. What we were doing now might make a difference. Victory or defeat, the Government intended to carry out conscription in Ireland.

If, when the life of the Empire was at stake the Government said we could not ask Ireland to help us that would have been the end of Home Rule. (Cheers.) "Irish conscription would make a difference in the military strength, and this had compelled the Government to face the consequences. There would be a much larger number of men than ten Divisions, as mentioned by Sir George Cave (Home Secretary). We were not asking Ireland to do anything which was not asked of the citizens of every belligerent country. The delay was a proof that the Government had been anxious to deal honourably and fairly with Ireland. "We are not going to alter the decision." (Nationalist interruptions: "Neither are we.") "If the people and the country think that we are making a mistake, we will do our utmost to give Royal support to any other Government in carrying on the war." He concluded by saying that the Government was prepared to consider criticism on the Bill, such as, making the age 48, but he refused to alter anything which was considered necessary. (Cheers.)

MR. DILLON SUGGESTS AN IRISH PLEBISCITE.

Mr. Dillon said the military results hoped for by the Bill could not in anywise redress the recent military misfortunes. He opposed the raising of the military age. The Premier had said that at the recent battle the German infantry was barely equal to ours and much inferior to us aerially. Therefore, the explanation of the defeats was the system of promoting officers. The attempt to impose conscription in Ireland would destroy the hopes of an Irish settlement in war time. The Irishmen no longer trusted the Government's pledges. He challenged the Government to take an Irish plebiscite, contending that down to Antrim and Belfast the vote would be as heavily against as in Mayo and Roscommon. He would propose in the Committee that the Government concede to the County the option

of opening the discussion in the event of a concession, and not to oppose the Bill further.

OUTBURSTS OF PASSION DURING DEBATE.

The gravity of the happenings in France was a restraining influence in yesterday's debate, but these were outbursts of passion on the part of the Nationalists, notably on the part of Mr. Dillon, who bitterly attacked General Gough, whom he accused of involving the Irish Divisions in a disaster on three separate occasions. He declared that conscription in Ireland would open up another war at the front, which would spread to the United States, Australia, and wherever the Irish race was found.

Captain Redmond, speaking from his father's place, said the Government was going to realise the German calculation of a Civil War in Ireland.

Mr. Asquith's speech was eagerly awaited. He took the middle course, condemning conscription in Ireland as inexpedient, but not saying a word against the justice of the proposal. The House cheered him, but also cheered Mr. Bonar Law's reply, proclaiming the Government's firm resolve.

AN AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

In the House of Commons an amendment to the second reading of the Man-Power Bill, declaring that the Bill diminishes the Naval and economic power of the nation, without adding to the commensurate military strength, was rejected by 321 votes to 106.

LIVELY SCENES IN THE HOUSE.

The closing stage of the debate on the Man-Power Bill was marked by lively scenes. When Sir Auckland Geddes rose the Nationalists clamoured for Mr. H. E. Duke (Secretary for Ireland). After some minutes of turmoil, Sir Auckland Geddes was allowed to speak. He emphasised the necessity for the Bill, incidentally paying a tribute to the French and Italians in our midst, who were volunteering, many sacrificing their businesses. Sir Auckland Geddes appealed to the discharged soldiers to volunteer again. The only alternative of the Bill was to let the Armies down, which the country would never do.

MAN-POWER BILL PASSES SECOND READING.

In the House of Commons the Man-Power Bill passed the second reading by 323 votes to 100.

THE TROUBLE IN SIBERIA.

MAXIMALISTS NOT HOSTILE TO JAPAN.

London, April 11.

A message from Tokio dated the 8th instant states that the Soviet Municipality of Vladivostok in a courteous protest against the landing of the Japanese promises its utmost to arrest the offenders, who are burglars, and assures the Japanese that the Maximalists are not hostile to Japan.

The Soviet has issued a proclamation to workmen warning them of the danger of hostility against the Japanese.

CROWDS WATCH BRITISH MARINES IN SILENCE.

A message from Vladivostok dated the 8th instant says the town is quiet and trouble is not anticipated.

The landing of the British marines on the 6th was watched by crowds in silence.

THE ENEMY AND JERUSALEM.

POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO RETAKE THE CITY.

AMSTERDAM, April 11.

General Ardenne, writing to a Dusseldorf newspaper, says the tide is about to turn in Syria and Palestine.

The re-capture of Jerusalem is a practicable possibility.

U-BOAT WARFARE.

BRITISH SHIPPING RETURNS.

London, April 10.

The Admiralty issues the following returns:—

Arrivals.....2,534

Departures.....2,495

Vessels sunk (over 1,800 tons).....4

Vessels sunk (under 1,800 tons).....11

Unsuccessfully attacked.....2

Fishing vessels sunk.....2

FRENCH RETURNS.

London, April 11.

The French returns are as follows:—

Arrivals.....1,048

Departures.....1,048

Vessels sunk (above 1,800 tons).....3

Vessels unsuccessfully attacked.....4

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

HOME SECRETARY SANGUINE AS TO IRELAND.

London, April 10.

In the House of Commons moving the second reading of the Military Service Bill, the Rt. Hon. Sir George Cave, Secretary of State for Ireland, referring to the threatened resistance in Ireland, said that resistance would be overcome. (Cheers and Irish protests.) It was believed the Irish clause would produce a very substantial number of men. If it yielded ten Divisions, or only five it would be worth while to enact it. It was said it would need an army to enforce it. The Government did not think so. Owing to the conduct of certain elements in Ireland it was already necessary to retain a considerable force in Ireland and the Government did not think that force would need to be substantially increased.

Sir George Cave emphasised that as soon as arrangements for registration and tribunals were complete the Act would be put into operation in Ireland. (Irish cries of "You will never get them." "Nobody will serve.")

Continuing, the speaker said Ireland could do more and was bound in honour to do her share towards the defence of the country and the Government only proposed to put her on the same footing as the rest of the Empire.

BILL DOES NOT APPLY TO DOMINIONS.

London, April 10.

The text of the new Military Service Bill states that the provisions do not apply to persons ordinarily resident in the Dominions. Doctors up to 58 years of age will be liable to service. Clergymen shall perform combatant service only with their consent. As regards Ireland the Act shall be subject to such modifications and adaptations as are necessary to make it applicable.

IRISH PRESS COMMENT.

Irish Press comment on the proposal to extend conscription to Ireland follows party lines.

The *Irish Times* says only one thing could be more unfortunate than the total exemption of Ireland from compulsory service, namely the enactment of conscription to enforce it in the face of lawless and disorderly threats.

The *Nationalist Freeman's Journal* declares that the Government is mad and that the Cabinet has decided to carry war into Ireland.

LONDON NEWSPAPER'S VIEW.

The *Daily Chronicle* regards the attempt to enact Irish conscription at this juncture as a blunder and catastrophe and earnestly hopes that even now the Government will open its ears to saner counsels.

ENEMY MIGHT OCCUPY CHANNEL PORTS.

SIR A. GEDDES' WARNING.

London, April 10.

Sir Auckland Geddes, in a speech in London, said: "We are going to require a vast number of men. I wish I could tell you the figures but that would give the enemy most valuable information."

The speaker proceeded to say that young fit men were mostly wanted and wanted urgently. He realised that the new Bill would mean death and disaster to many industries, but that was a lesser evil than military disaster. None knew how the great battle would end. It might end with German occupation of the French Channel ports, then we should need a great army in England.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

AMERICAN INTERPRETATION.

New York, April 10.

The Press takes Mr. Lloyd George's speech as the text of an appeal to Americans to speed up war work, especially the provision of troops, and they advise Irishmen to support the peaceful acceptance of conscription.

ENEMY CAPTURES CASUALTY CLEARING STATIONS.

London, April 10.

The War Office reports that during the recent retreat some casualty clearing stations fell into the enemy's hands. All the doctors, nurses and patients were safely evacuated and the deficiencies have since been made good.

The Australian and Canadian medical authorities have generously helped in landing doctors and nurses.

During the evacuation, which took place under heavy fire, a number of casualties occurred in the medical and nursing personnel.

FRENCH REPULSE ENEMY ATTACKS.

London, April 10.

A French communiqué states:—The enemy, during the night, undertook a series of local actions at several points of the front.

The Germans, last evening, after a strong artillery preparation, powerfully attacked in the region of Hangard-Santermes. An obstinate fight developed for the village which changed hands repeatedly. An attack by us towards three in the morning made us completely masters of the village and enemy.

An enemy in an attempt to drive us out of the wood west of Odele was sanguinarily defeated.

THE IMPRESSMENT OF DUTCH SHIPPING.

COAL AND PITCH CARGOES TAKEN OVER.

The Hague, April 10.

The British Legation has notified the Netherlands Overseas Trust that the coal and pitch cargoes on Dutch ships taken over at British ports has been requisitioned owing to the impracticability of unloading and storing but the owners will receive equal quantities of new cargoes when they are able to take delivery.

Arrangements have been made to unload and store other cargoes until the owners are able to receive them.

RUSSO-UKRAINIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Moscow, April 10.

Replying to Germany's demand for the conclusion of a Russo-Ukrainian peace the Government has informed Germany that it sent a wireless message to Kiev on April 4 proposing that peace negotiations begin on the 6th.

THE MAGISTRACY.

ILLICIT OPIUM.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with unlawfully attempting to export eight tons of opium.

It was stated that the defendant was arrested on board the S.S. *On Lee* and the opium was discovered concealed in a waist band defendant was wearing.

Defendant pleading guilty, his Worth fined him \$250 with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

CARELESS RICKSHAW DRIVING.

A rickshaw coolie was brought before Mr. Wood this morning on the charge of failing to observe the rule of the road whilst driving his rickshaw in Chatham Road, Kowloon, on the evening of the 10th instant.

It was stated that the defendant's rickshaw was behind three others which were going in the direction of the Kowloon Docks. In his attempt to take the lead from the rickshaws in front, the defendant drove his rickshaw to the wrong side of the road and crashed into Mrs. Smalley's rickshaw which was going in the opposite direction. Mrs. Smalley's rickshaw was pushed out of the road as the result of the collision.

Defendant pleaded guilty, stating he was merely obeying instructions. The collision was purely an accident. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

THEFT OF AN ANCHOR.

Before Mr. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with the theft of an anchor from a junk at Shaukiwan.

It appeared that the defendant engaged a boat, owned by an old man, approached the complainant's junk and stole an anchor. The noise disturbed the complainant who rushed on deck but the thief escaped. The Police was informed and later in the night arrested the defendant.

Defendant said the anchor was given by the old man, whose boat he hired, to sell. He denied having stolen the anchor.

Inspector Angus said the old man was half paralysed and honest. It was scarcely possible to believe that he could lift an anchor.

A lunkang said he arrested the defendant whom he found hiding in the old man's boat. The old man told witness that the defendant stole the anchor.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR.

Seven Chinese were brought before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with behaving in a disorderly manner at the Kan Yu Tong Theatre last night.

Sergeant Cooke said a number of men including the defendants who were passing Hongkong on their way far their south, went to the theatre last night and bought ten cent tickets.

They were not satisfied with the accommodation, and later on, about forty men made a rush for the eighty seats seating accommodation. They were ordered to go away, but they refused and witness had to threaten them with his revolver before they would be induced to return to the seats they occupied originally. Witness added that he anticipated no further trouble at the men were leaving to-day.

Mr. Dyer Ball discharged the defendants after administering a severe caution.

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SKIPPER'S £7,000 A YEAR.

"Some Grimby skippers this year have paid income tax on £3,000 to £7,000 and over," remarked Mr. Tickler, M.P. for Grimby, when referring to the prosperity of the fishing industry.

"There have been cases where as much as £200 has been earned in a fortnight. The skipper, of course, gets £10 out of every £100 made on a trip, and with the fixed price for fish, locally known as 'famine prices,' earnings are not likely to diminish. The prices of skippers were the best for years, and the finest diamonds and they have not eggs in the shape of War Bonds. One trawler owner has judged prospects to be so favourable that he has bought up fishing vessels all along the coast, and has at least £200,000 invested in this kind of craft. Despite the dangers of U-boats, there is no shortage of men for the trawlers, and this is not surprising, having regard to the handsome remuneration. Taken all in all, Grimby market has a better supply of fish than two years ago."

While it is true that North Sea trawlers are making record earnings as the result of the present high prices of fish and that deckhands are receiving almost table-top rates, while skipper and mates, who are paid a percentage on the value of the catch, are commonly earning four-figure incomes, there is the other side to this question. "I would not advise a man to go into the business of trawling for a pound an hour these days," declared a prominent Grimby owner. "There can be no fish while it has to be won at such hazards. That is why the prices are comparatively high. Men seek the incentive of good earnings."

Moreover, the keen demand for the boat supplies available had forced up prices. Wholesale merchants are actually paying more for fish at Grimby than the maximum retail selling price.

THE CHINA MERCHANTS' S.M. CO.

The above Company has just issued its Directors' report and statement of accounts covering the last Chinese year. Only the report has been published in the Chinese Press, so the figures referred to by the directors are quoted only in round numbers and are apparently incomplete, says the *S. C. Daily News*. From this report we glean that in spite of the past year's high and increased cost of working the company's fleet and the lamentable sinking of two ships, the *Amoy* and the *Paochi*, in both of which many lives were lost, the result of the year's working, regarded as a whole, has proved quite satisfactory. The total receipts of freight amounted to over £5,000,000, or £1,150,000 more than the receipts during the preceding year. The chief cause of this increase is attributed to withdrawal of ships by the Allied countries for war service. After deducting expenses, etc., the Company will pay a dividend on "shipping shares" of £140,000, and a dividend of £120,000 on "property shares," aggregating £260,000; but these dividends will, as usual, be paid in the proportion of two shipping shares for every property share, on or after the Chinese last day of the 2nd moon (April 12, 1918).

TELEGRAMS.

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BRITISH LINE BENT TO SOME
EXTENT.

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TERRIFIC GUNNING.

LONDON, April 10.
 Reuter's Correspondent at British
 Headquarters, telegraphing to-day,
 says:—
 The battle which began at 8 yester-
 day morning between La Bassée and
 Fleurbaix continues with unabated
 violence.

The artillery duel has extended southward to Arras. The Germans are also attacking between Arrmentieres and Messines. The gun firing is so terrific that the earth trembles as though by interminable volcanic spasms. "The enemy has brought in a tank."

LORD CURZON'S GLOWING
TRIBUTE TO THE
DOMINIONS.

LONDON, April 10.
In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon, in the course of a statement

London, April 10.
In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon, in the course of a statement similar to that of Lloyd George, said that directly an emergency arose the reinforcements despatched from Great Britain to France was at the maximum rate of over 30,000 daily without the loss of a single life. With regard to the appeals of the

ANOTHER BIG ATTACK IN
PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 9.
 Reuter's Correspondent at British
 Headquarters telegraphing this morn-

BRITISH WAR FORECASTS
EMBRACE 1919

ESTRACE 1919.

This feeling had been confirmed and consecrated by the blood which was shed on the battle field. The

was shed on the battle field. The response that had come from every quarter of the Empire testified anew

that the true nature of the American menace is realised, as fully by them as ourselves, and that the

to themselves, and that no effort will be spared to lend additional succor to the common cause. As regard

the appeal to America, Lord Curzon stated that the response was immediate and unanimous.

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